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SUBJECT: EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION: TECHNICAL DATA ON
AN/ALQ-126 ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES EQUIP-
MENT

MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

1. SANDERS ASSOCIATE, INC. HAS APPLIED FOR EXPORT LICENSE TO PROVIDE ROC WITH TECHNICAL DATA ON ITS AN/ALQ-126 ELECTRONIC COUNTERMEASURES EQUIPMENT. SYSTEM CONTAINS BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS AND UTILIZES RANGE AND ANGLE DECEPTION TECHNIQUES. IT IS PURELY DEFENSIVE AND DESIGNED TO PROTECT AIRCRAFT AGAINST WIDE RANGE OF THREATS FROM SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES, RADAR-GUIDED AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES, RADAR-CONTROLLED GUNS AND GCI RADARS. IT OPERATES IN FREQUENCIES BETWEEN 2 AND 16 GHZ.

2. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF APPROVING APPLICATION. SYSTEM WOULD GIVE ADDED PROTECTION TO ROC AIRCRAFT, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO ROCAF EFFECTIVENESS THROUGH PURELY DEFENSIVE MEANS. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD BE LOGICAL TO EQUIP NEW F5E'S WITH MODERN ECM EQUIPMENT, RATHER THAN

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OLDER MORE CUMBERSOME SYSTEMS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ROC CUR-

RENTLY HAS (WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY CONFIRMATION ON THIS
LAST POINT). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ONE OF THE VIRTUES
OF THIS PARTICULAR SYSTEM IS THAT IT DOES NOT REQUIRE

AN EXTENSIVE SIGINT COLLECTION EFFORT TO BE USED EF-
FECTIVELY.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN/ALQ-126 IS AMONG MOST MODERN
ECM SYSTEMS IN US INVENTORY. WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER
CAREFULLY WHETHER TO PROVIDE SUCH SOPHISTICATED AND
SENSITIVE MATERIAL TO THE ROC. RATHER THAN REACHING A
DECISION ON THE BASIS OF AN APPLICATION FROM A PRIVATE
COMPANY, WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE ROC APPROACH US DIRECTLY
IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN THE EQUIPMENT. HOWEVER, WE DO
NOT WISH TO STIMULATE SUCH AN APPROACH. WE UNDERSTAND
INFORMALLY THAT DEFENSE SHARES OUR VIEW AND POINTS OUT
THAT DATA WHICH SANDERS WISHES TO PROVIDE TO ROC IS
SECRET, AND WOULD THEREFORE REQUIRE EXCEPTION TO
NATIONAL DISCLOSURE POLICY. NAVY AND JCS REPORTEDLY DO NOT
WISH TO SPONSOR AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE, AND IT THERE-
FORE SEEMS LIKELY THEY WILL NOT CONCUR IN APPLICATION.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON FOREGOING. KISSINGER

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